

I am a professor of Media Arts at Drexel University. I am familiar with many of the issues involved with media ownership, and I attended Commissioner Copps' open hearing at The Annenberg School on 5/7/03, which I found to be highly illuminating.

I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to any further weakening of ownership limitations, either within one medium or cross-media. I believe that the results of the 1996 weakening of ownership restrictions has been disastrous, especially in terms of the quantity and quality of news being broadcast but also in terms of the diversity and local flavor of content in general. Rather than see a further weakening of restrictions, I would rather see a restoration of limits that encourage broad ownership and local voice in media.